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Atty. Dkt. No. 042098-0103

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Bruno BERGE  
Title: DROP CENTERING DEVICE  
Appl. No.: 09/937,508  
International Filing Date: 05/22/2002  
371(c) Date:  
Examiner: Darryl J. Collins  
Art Unit: 2873  
Confirmation Number: 2187

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a preliminary amendment in the above-identified application.

☐ Small Entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a previous assertion of Small Entity status.

☐ Assertion of Small Entity status is enclosed.

☒ The fee required for additional claims is calculated below:

Claims As Amended		Previously Paid For		Extra Claims Present		Rate		Additional Claims Fee	
Total Claims:	41	-	48	=	0	x	\$50.00	=	\$0.00

Independent Claims:	13	-	13	=	0	x	\$200.00	=	\$0.00
First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims:		+					\$360.00	=	\$0.00
CLAIMS FEE TOTAL									= \$0.00

☐ Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

<input type="checkbox"/> Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$120.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$450.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$1,020.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	\$1,590.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$2,160.00	\$0.00
EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:		\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Disclaimer Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.20(d):	\$130.00	\$0.00
CLAIMS, EXTENSION AND DISCLAIMER FEE TOTAL:		\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):		\$0.00
Extension Fees Previously Paid:		\$0.00
TOTAL FEE:		\$0.00

If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date 17 August 2006

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Further to a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. 1.114, applicant submits this preliminary amendment.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: